

Cancer Incidence in Virginia, 2000 - 2004

Virginia Cancer Registry

Average Age-adjusted Cancer Incidence Rates Ranked* by Site, Sex, and Race, Virginia, 2000 - 2004

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Note: Data exclude localized basal and squamous cell skin carcinomas and in situ carcinomas except urinary bladder

Site	Total**				Male				Female			
	White	Black	Other***	All Races	White	Black	Other***	All Races	White	Black	Other***	All Races
Breast	1	3	2	2	20	17	20	20	1	1	1	1
Prostate	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	~	~	~	~
Lung and Bronchus	2	2	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2
Colon and Rectum	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3
Urinary Bladder	5	8	10	5	4	4	6	4	9	12	17	9
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	7	7	8	7	6	9	8	6	6	7	8	5
Melanoma of the Skin	6	22	5	6	5	19	4	5	5	21	6	6
Corpus and Uterus, NOS	9	10	11	9	~	~	~	~	4	4	4	4
Oral Cavity and Pharynx	10	11	14	10	8	6	10	8	14	15	13	14
Kidney and Renal Pelvis	8	5	15	8	7	5	11	7	10	8	18	10
Pancreas	12	6	13	11	10	8	12	10	11	5	12	11
Leukemia	11	13	9	12	9	13	9	9	12	13	7	13
Ovary	13	16	17	13	~	~	~	~	7	6	10	7
Stomach	16	9	6	15	13	7	7	11	16	11	11	16
Brain and Other Nervous System	15	20	19	16	11	15	16	14	15	17	16	15
Thyroid	14	19	12	14	18	18	18	18	8	14	5	8
Esophagus	17	14	21	17	12	11	15	12	19	16	20	19
Larynx	18	15	22	19	14	10	14	13	21	20	21	21
Cervix	20	17	18	21	~	~	~	~	13	9	9	12
Multiple Myeloma	19	12	16	18	17	12	13	16	17	10	15	17
Liver and Intrahepatic Bile Duct	21	18	7	20	16	14	5	15	20	19	14	20
Hodgkin Lymphoma	22	21	20	22	19	16	17	19	18	18	19	18
Testis	23	23	23	23	15	20	19	17	~	~	~	~

* ~ (tilde) means ranks not assigned for sex-specific cancers

** Ranks for sex specific sites are assigned using male and female combined age-adjusted rates. Consult sex-specific section for sex-specific ranks.

*** Other includes Asian and Pacific Islander, American Indian and Alaskan Natives, other races, and unknown race.

The rankings in the table give a picture of relative cancer rates within each group. Both small and large differences between specific site rates always result in a rank difference of 1. From the rankings in the table, it is possible to know that one cancer has a higher or lower rate than another cancer, but it is not possible to know how much higher or lower the rate is. For a discussion of rankings and what their limitations are, consult this National Cancer Institute web site:

<http://statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov/interpret rankings.html>